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TIME TABLE

Condensed Through Schedule Between

San Antonio, Houston and Brownsville

ST. L. B. & M. R. R.

Passenger Trains Ex. Sundays	STATIONS	Passenger Trains Ex. Sundays
A. M. 8:40	LV. Brownsville. AR	P. M. 7:25
A. M. 6:30	LV. Fordyce AR	P. M. 9:30
A. M. 10:00	LV. Harlingen AR	P. M. 6:10
P. M. 3:00	AR. Kingsville LV	P. M. 1:30
P. M. 3:00	LV. Kingsville AR	P. M. 1:10
P. M. 6:20	AR. Sinton LV	P. M. 10:00
P. M. 8:15	LV. Sinton AR	A. M. 9:45
P. M. 12:00	AR. Kenedy LV	A. M. 5:30
P. M. 12:57	LV. Kenedy AR	A. M. 5:30
A. M. 7:45	AR. Houston LV	P. M. 10:15
A. M. 5:30	LV. Kenedy AR	P. M. 12:37
A. M. 7:45	AR. San Antonio LV	P. M. 10:15

RIO GRANDE RAILROAD.

Leave Brownsville daily.....9 a. m.
Arrive Point Isabel daily.....10:15 a. m.
Leave Point Isabel daily.....3 p. m.
Arrive Brownsville daily.....4:15 p. m.
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GRADUATING EXERCISES

At the Santa Rosa Training School for Nurses at San Antonio.

A report of the graduating exercises of the Santa Rosa training school for nurses of San Antonio, which took place at the study hall of the Santa Rosa infirmary May, 11, has been received by THE HERALD with the request that the same be published. This being the first graduating class of this school, which is conducted in connection with an institution so widely known as the Santa Rosa hospital, the report may be of general interest.

The invocation and benediction at the exercises were delivered by Rt. Rev. Bishop Forest. An interesting program was carried out, including an address by Dr. Jas. Hall Bell in which he laid stress on the fact that these exercises mark the initial graduating class of the Santa Rosa infirmary training school for nurses. Thirteen graduates who have merited the full extent of honors bestowed upon them, whose place is henceforth in the temple dedicated to the sick, whose work is the alleviation of physical suffering.

"The trained nurse is a modern necessity and accomplishment and all nurses are not regularly trained even now. In making this statement I would not by a word or thought, disparage the worth of the self-educated nurse, who, from necessity or natural vocation, enters the field of labor to which you are devoting your lives," said Dr. Bell. He also dwelt on the foundation and history of the training school for nurses.

Speaking further, he said to the graduates: "You must have the wisdom to subdue by kindly counsel the pains of your patients, to sustain their confidence in the physician and to prevent the mistakes to which they are so peculiarly given. You must be suitably equipped for the ill-educated, peevish and more or less stupid patients, to study and respect their sympathies, antipathies and perversities, without yielding to the satanic impulse silently and secretly to facilitate their delayed journey across the river of Styx. These important subjects are not treated in regular curriculum. You must

study and answer them for yourselves.

Another interesting feature was an address by Dr. F. Herff, sr., president of the faculty, dealing with the development of the Santa Rosa for the past thirty-five years. Dr. Herff said in part:

"Over thirty-five years ago the order of charity of the Incarnate Word undertook the difficult task to build a hospital for medical and surgical diseases. At that time our town although a celebrated health resort was about the most unsanitary place as far as the supply of drinking water, drainage and sewerage were concerned. There were no decent facilities for people from abroad who fell sick, and no accommodations whatever for patients who came here for surgical treatment. Our hotels and private boarding houses were equally unsanitary and many patients were compelled to put up with lodgings and board which we would not dare offer to a beggar. There were some weak attempts at private sanitariums but they were not conducted in a way to give comfort to the patients and were consequently abandoned by their owners as worthless investments. The county and city hospitals labored under the same disadvantages and the very few nurses, such as were to be had, were mostly colored women without proper training. On many occasions I have been compelled to perform operations of a difficult nature on the street or under the shade of a tree because of the lack of light and ventilation in the hotels at which my patients were compelled to stop.

The Santa Rosa hospital began its operations on an exceedingly small scale in an old Mexican house very scantily furnished and with only a few inexperienced Sisters as nurses. They, however, were endowed with a sense of duty strengthened by religious zeal and in a spirit of complete self-denial which always characterizes their efforts, they applied themselves to unremitting labor. It was not long before their efforts bore fruit. A new site (the present one) was chosen for the hospital and with the help of better sanitary conditions through the introduction of complete water, drainage and sewer systems in this city, this hospital passed its experimental stage, and it is now a success. The buildings were added to, and improved on every year until they now represent the best equipped hospital in the State of Texas. * * * The sisters are all trained nurses and have attended lectures by some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of this city. Any Sister who receives a diploma from this institution is as fully equipped as any nurses in this country. Words are inadequate to fully describe the self-sacrifice and untiring labor that these good women are daily and nightly expending on suffering humanity, and one only realizes the full import of their duties by coming in contact with them as we physicians do.

The thanks of this community are due the promoters and organizers of this hospital, clericals as well as laymen, more especially to the dear Sisters who have the most difficult tasks to perform without the slightest gain of worldly distinction. It is to them we give our most hearty thanks."

On behalf of the Sisterhood of the Incarnate Word and especially the graduating nurses, Rev. J. G. Bednarek delivered an address of thanks to the instructors of the Training school.

Following this an elegant dinner of thirty-five covers was served, at which many toasts commending the training school and the Sisters as nurses were heard.

Following are the sisters who graduated: Sr. M. Celeste, Sr. M. de Sales, Sr. M. Victor, Sr. M. Philip Neri, Sr. M. Malachy, Sr. M. Robert, Sr. M. Eleanor, Sr. M. Stella, Sr. M. Timothy, Sr. M. Austin, Sr. M. Anselm, Sr. M. Evaristus and Sr. M. of the Ascension.

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